

ARTICLES
to be ministred by the right
Reuerend Father in Christ, Robert by
Gods prouidence Bishop of Winchester: As
wel to the Clergie, as to the Churchwardens and en-
quirers of euery seueral parish, as well of his pe-
culier as generall iurisdiction, within, and of the
Dioces of Winchester, in his visitation,
to be kept and holden thozow his
sayd Dioces of Winchester.

Anno. 1570.

And the twelfth yeare of the Raigne
of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth by the
grace of GOD, of England, Fraunce and Ire-
lande, Queene, Defendour of the
sayth. &c.

Lewis Laboribus Inuro.



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to be ministered by the Bishop

of London in the year 1534

God preserve the Bishop of London

we have taken to the Bishop and his

and a very great number of

of the Bishop of London

to be kept and preserved in the

days of the Bishop

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For the Clergie.



N PRIMIS, whether any of the Clergie, eyther Parsons, Vicars, Curates, and such as be admitted to the order of Clergie, as Diacons and Ministers, doe liue, and vse themselves vnseemely or vndecently in any respect or behauior, either in apparell any otherwise than is appointed in the Quenes

Maiesties Iniunctions, or in any other pointes of dysordinate liuing, as rioting, incontinencie, brauerie, and excesse of apparell, dicing, carding, gaming, drinking, or any other vice, or swearing, fyghting, quarrelling, fence playing, stage playing, or beholding, viewing, or gazing at any of the premises, or in hauking, hunting, or vning any Laicall craft, occupation, or negotiation.

2 Item, whether they neglect the studie of holy scriptures and of the worde of God: And whether such of them as be vnder the degree of a Master of Arte, haue of their owne at the least the Newe Testament both in English and Latten: And whether they doe euery day with good aduise ment confer one Chapter of the Latten & English together at the least: And whether they haue giuen due accompt therof, and to whome.

3 Item, whether any haue intruded themselves into the Ministerie, without imposition of handes: or anie admitted, but to Diaconrie, vsurp and vse the office of the Minister.

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4 Item,

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4 Item, whether any serue the cure in any Parish, chappell, or Oratorie, or say seruice as chapleine in any mans house of this Dioces: Or serue a church and a chappell, or the cure of two parishes, or two Chappels, without he be therunto licenced and appointed by the bishop vnder his owne hande.

5 Item, whether any lay man take vpon him to read diuine Seruice in any Church, Chappell or Oratorie within hys Dioces, without licence of the Bishop as aforesaid.

6 Item whether any be come into this Dioces, out of any other Dioces without letters testimoniall of the Ordinarie from whence he came, to testifie the cause of his departing thence, and of his behauiour.

7 Item, whether they read openly to the Parishioners at the least twise euery yeare, vpon some holy day in their seuerall churches or chappels, the confession for vniformitie and agreement in religion set forth by the authoritie of the archbishops of Caunterbury & Yorke: And also whether they do read in like sorte quarterly the Queenes Maiesties Injunctions accordingly as is appointed.

8 Item whether they do not euery Sunday, holyday and other dayes appointed, read or sing Gods seruice in their churches, chappels or Oratories, plainly and distinctly to the hearing and intelligēce of the parishioners, in a place most conuenient, according to the straitnes or largenes of the Church: And whether they minister the holy sacramentes any other way than is appointed by the law of this Realme.

9 Item, whether any haue taken possession of any spirituall promotion, without lawfull admission therunto, by the Ordinaries Collation, Institution and Induction.

10 Item

10 Item, whether any that hath bene ordained priest or minister, doth not still continue in ministracion of diuine seruice: And whether any suche do go and shewe themselves like lay men. *prieſt
not to be
lay men*

11 Item, whether any do say or sing priuate masse, or any other seruice, thā is prescribed by the lawes of this Realme. *no priu
seruice
prescribed*

12 Item, whether any Parson or Vicare is absent from his Benefice, and where he is: And whether in his absence the Cure is sufficient in all pointes discharged, and serued, according to the lawes of this realme, and the Quenes maiesties Injunctions: And whether in their absence, competent hospitalitie be kept, or the pl. part of the said Benefice distributed yearely amongst the pooze. *1
absence
to be distributed*

13 Item, whether they haue any other or moe benefices, where and in what countie they be: whether they came by them by fraude, guile, deceipt or simonie.

14 Item, whether they teache the Catechisme to the youth of their parishes, vpon Sundayes and holydaies as is appointed. *catechism*

15 Item, whether one of the Homelies, or some part thereof, set forth by the Quenes Maiesties authoritie, be not reade euery Sunday when there is no Sermon. *homilies*

16 Item, whether they be able to preache, and are licensed thereunto: And whether they haue euery moneth at the least in their owne persones preached in euery Cure they haue, against superstition and workes of mannes deuise, and agaynst the late vsurped forrayne authoritie of the Bishoppe of Rome, and in declaring and prouing the authoritie of the Quenes Maiestie ouer all hir subiectes in all causes, as well ecclesiasticall as temporall: And also, whether euery

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quarter in the yeare, they cause a Sermon to be made in their parishe Church by some other learned man licensed to preache against some other false opinion and argument heretofore maynteyned by Papistes.

godfather 17 Item whether any chylde be admitted to answer as godfather or godmother, except he or she haue receiued the communion.

N 18 Item whether any preacher licensed, doth or hath exacted or receyued vnrasonable rewardes or stipends of the poore Pastors or vicars, comming to their Cures to preache.

reparation 19 Item whether any persons, vicars or proprietaries keepe their houses, rectories and chauncels in due and sufficient reparations.

20 Item whether any preacher, or any persone, vicar or curate, preache or say any thing directly, or vndirectly, contrarie to the vniformitie of religion agreed vpon by the Queenes authoritie and the clergie of this realme.

allowance to a schooler 21 Item whether all and singular ecclesiasticall persons, that may yeerly dispend one hundred poundes, alloweth to some scholer in Oxford or Cambridge. iij. li. viij. s. viij. d. yearely, and to whome the same is payde.

Grant of new benefice 22 Item whether any incumbent of any spiritual promotion haue demysed or let the same spirituall promotion or any part thereof to ferme, without the consent in writing of the Bishop.

Caution not to be taken 23 Item, whether your ministers admitte any notorious sinners or vncharitable and malicious persones to the holy communion, without iust penance done, or reconciliation before had.

24 Item, whether they keepe their Registers well, and present the copy of them once euery yeare by indenture, to the bishops Records or Register.

25 Item, whether they minister the holy Communion in

in any prophane bowles, cuppes, dishes, or chalices, heretofore bled at massing, and not in a decent communion cuppe, provided and kept for the same of purpose.

26 Item, whether they read yearely at the tyme appointed, the statute made in the v. yeare of the Quenes maiesties raigne for Collectors for reliefe of the poore: And do charitably monish every man according to hys habilitie to giue towarde the reliefe of the poore: And whither they denounce to the Ordinarie suche as wyll not relieue them accordingly.

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27 Item, whether in the dayes of Parambulation, they vse any other rite or ceremonie, than to sing or say in Englishe, the two Psalmes beginning Benedic anima mea, with the Letanie and Suffrages therto, with one Homilie of thanks geuing to God, already deuised and deuised into foure partes, without surplisses, carying of banners, staving at crosses, or such like.

Processio

28 Item, whether they be negligent to visist the sicke and to comfort them, especially, at the time of their passing out of this transitorie lyfe.

29 Item, whether they suffer any to preache in any church or chappell, before they see his licence graunted either by the Quenes maiestie, or by the Archbishop of Caunterbury, or by the Bishop of the Dioces.

the Sunday before my lordes daye the appoyntment
Elizabeth For Archdeacons and their Officials.
consent

30 Item, whether they kepe and holde yearely their visitations, and Synodes quarterly thorow every Deanrie, and seache out and reforme the disorders, transgressions, and faultes to their Iurisdiccions appertaining.

the same

31 Item whether in their visitations they do enquire whether the Sacraments be duely administred accor-

ding to the Ecclesiasticall lawes of this Realme: And whether the Bible in the largest volume, and the Paraphrases of Erasmus, the Booke of Common prayer, and Homelies, and other Ornamentes necessary and requisite for diuine seruice be had in euery Parish within their Archdiaconries.

32 Item, whether they do enquire of Church goodes and stocks how they be employed to the churches most auaille and profite, and in whose handes they be.

33 Item, whether they doe likewise enquire whether Churches, Chappels and Chauncels be maintained in sufficient reparacions.

34 Item, whether they doe in euery Synode take account of the Clergie in euery Deaunie how they profit in studie of holy scripture: And appoint such as be vnder the degree of Master of Arte to certayne Taxes of the new Testament, to be cond without boke, & afterwards exact a reherfall of them at the next Synode.

35 Item, whether they geue licēce to Readers or Curates to minister diuine Seruice in any Parithe, or to Scholemasters to teach within their Archdiaconrie: or giue testimoniall of conuersation to suche of the Clergie as goe out of this Dioces to an other.

36 Item, whether they haue, or vse, to graunt any licence to celebrate Matrimonie, the Banes not thise asked, or for the prohibition of tyme, or for any other cause.

37 Item, whether they haue bpightly, faithfully, and vnfainedly to the vttermost of their power obserued in their owne persones, and towarde all other put in due execution the Queenes Maiestie Ecclesiasticall lawes, Statutes, Iniunctions, and all her highnes other commaundementes published for vniiformitie of Doctrine, and due order of publique Ministration of

Synod

in the dioces of VVinchester.

of Gods holy word and Sacraments: And haue commended and fauoured all such as sought the same, and condignely punished such as sought the contrary.

38 Item, whether they or the Chaunceloz, or any other vsing ecclesiastical iurisdiction in this dioces, their Registers, or Actuaries, Apparatozs, or Sōmoners, haue at any time suffred faultes and transgressions to remaine unpunished, for money, gaine, pleasure, friendship or any other effectionate respect: Or any of them haue bene burdensome to any in this dioces, by exacting or taking excessive fees, procuratiōs, any rewards or commodities by the way of promotion, gift, contribution, helpe, redemption of penance, mission of quarter sermons, obtaining of any benefice or office, or any other like wayes or meanes.

39 Item, whether they apoint any Officials, Deans *Rurals* rurals, Sommoners, or Apparatozs without the Ap^{ro} *Deans* probation and consent of the Bishop.

40 Item, whither in their Visitations or Synodes, they spend the time in rioting, drinking, playing at dice or tables, where it shuld be employed to diligent inquisition and reformation of disorders: Or suffer the same to be done by their Clerkes, seruants or their retinue.

For Deanes rurals.

41 Item, whether such be appointed Deanes rurals which be of the best learned fort, best conuersation and living, and least suspected for papistry or suspicious doctrine, and opinions, within euery Deanrie.

42 Item, whether they marke the life and conuersation and studie of the Clergie dwelling in euery parische within their Deanries, & make relatiō therof to the ordinarie or Archdeacon, at visitations, Synodes, or other tymes when they be required.

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43 Item,

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43 Item, whether any of them be negligent in executing any lawfull mandate or precept sent to them from the Ordinarie or Archdiacon.

44 Item, whether they enquire for Women begotten with childe in other places, that come into some parishes within their Deanries to bee brought a bed: Of Curates and Scholemasters not licenced: Of priuie Contractes and Marriages. For concealed Images and Monuments of superstition, as for S. John heds, Widsomer lightes, Bonfiers, and for such other close disorders bled within their Deaneries. And whether they certifie the Ordinarie duely and spedely thereof from time to time for reformation.

For Peculiar Iudges.

45 Item, whether the Peculiar Iudges within this Dioces exercise their peculiar Iurisdiction duely & lawfully, and keepe perfect Register and Recorde of their doing, whether it is exercised by themselves or their Farmours or Curates, or by whom: And whether they meddle in matters not permitted to their hearing & determination: And whether they bring not in yearely a Register booke of all their Records to be kept in the Bishops Records.

For Apparators or Sōmoners.

46 Item, whether any of them delay the execution, and seruing of any Mandate, Citacion or monition, sent from the Bishop, Chauncelor or Archdiacon: Or giueth warning to the partie which is to be warned or cyted, to be out of the way: Or taketh aboue his fee limited and appointed: Or threathneth and menaceth any body

with processe for any bribing money, coine, woll, or any thing else : Or be chargeable and burdensome to any of the Clergie or Laitie, in going about the Deaneries to them appointed : And whether they appoynt any vnder Summoners or Substitutes to doe their Office.

For Scholemasters.

47 Item, whether they be of good and perfect Religion, conuersation and learning : whether they be examined, allowed and licensed by the Bishop, to teache either openly, or priuately, within this Dioces. In any Noble or Gentlemans house, or any other place.

48 Item, whether they teache any other Grammer, than is sette out by authoritie of the Queenes Maiestie.

49 Item, whether they teache any thing contrary to the woord of God and order in Religion, established by authoritie of the Queenes Maiestie.

50 Item, whether they teach not their Schollers the Cathechisme set forth by the foresaid authoritie.

51 Item, whether they suffer any of their Schollers, by woorde, wytyng, or other deede to detract or backbite the woorde of God, or any godly order, Magistrate, Officer or Person executing or setting forth the same.

52 Item, whether they suffer them to read or kepe any late bookes of Harding, Marthall, Saunders, & such like, Printed beyond the Seas or else where, in derogation of Christian Religion. Hardy
Marshall
Saunders

53 Item, whether they propound to their schollers any Themes, bulgares, propositions, sentences or questions in Diuinitie, to the intent to bring in variance, any matter of religion already concluded and established, or by

pretence of suche questions and disputations to deride and scoffe at any godly Order, rite or Ceremonie now set forth.

For Proprietaries or Parsons of Ecclesiasticall benefices, hauing Vicarages endowed.

54 Item, whether any Parson or Cathedral conuenticuall or Collegiat Church to whom any Parsonage is annexed, united, or impropriate, where any Vicare is endowed: leaueth to the vicar a sufficient portion allowed to keepe hospitalitie, and to discharge the cure of soules in that parishe.

55 Item, whether the said Proprietaries do not see to the preaching of Gods word in the Parishes, whereof they haue the tythes and profits: And do not as much as in them lieth, see al the Quenes maiesties and other ordinarie and lawfull iniunctions wel kept and obserued in the sayd Parishes.

For Parishe Clarkes.

56 Item, whether any parishe Clarke be appointed against the good wil, or without the consent of the Parson, Vicare or Curate of the Parishe.

57 Item, whether they be not obedient to the said Parsons, Vicars or Curates, especially in the time of celebration of diuine seruice, or in any preparation therunto: And whether they be able and ready to read the first lesson, the Epistle & Psalmes, with answer to the versicles as hath bene vsed.

58 Item, whether they keepe not the Bookes and Ornamentes of the Church faire and cleane, and the Churches, especially the Quier, the Communion table, the

the pulpit and the Font to be made decent and cleane against seruice time, administration of the Lords Supper, Preaching and Baptisme.

59 Item, whether any in your Parish will cause the said Parithe Clerke to disobey the Curate in any commaundement, tēding to the administration of Gods seruice: Or counsell him to be contemptuous against his Curate, saying: he must be at the commaundement of the Parithe, and not at his.

60 Item, whether any do subtract fro the said clark, his accustomed salarie, wages, reliefe or beneuolence, and vpon what cause.

For the Laitie.

61 Item, whether any person refuseth, or is negligent in comming to church, in receiuing the holy Communion at the least thrise in the yeare: in hearing diuine seruice, to the preching of Gods word, reading the Homilies: Or in contempt of his owne parithe church resorteth to any other Church, Chappell or Oratorie.

62 Item, whether any contemne or despise the worde of god, or say, do, or write any thing against the publike order of Religion, set forth and established.

63 Item, whether any contemne, hurt, strike, hinder, let, or otherwise abuse any Minister or Diacon, especially in the time of saying or singing diuine seruice, preaching or reading of the Homilies: Administration of the Sacramentes, or other rite or ceremonie appointed for the same.

64 Item, whether any neglect or refuse, to bring or send their children and seruaunts to be instructed in the Catechisme, on Sundaies and Holydayes as is appointed.

65 Item, whether there be any Adulterers, Fornicators,

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toz, drunkards, baudes, and receiuers or maintainers of such euil liuers, brablers, scoldes, and sowers of discord betwene any parties, or open and manifest vsurers in any of your parishes.

66 Item, whether any professe or vse Sorcerie, incantment, magike, incatation or nigromancie: or hauing confidence in such diuelish artes, resort for helpe to such as professe or vse the same.

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For Churchwardens and enquirers,

commonly called the sworne men of
euery Parithe.

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67 Item, whether you the churchwardens & sworne men, and such as haue bene from yeare to yeare before you, haue leuied and gathered of euery person that wilfully or negligently absenteth him or her selfe: Or vnreuerently behaue themselves in the Church in tyme of diuine seruice vpon the Sunday or other holidaves, the forfeiture of xij. pence for euery such offence: And haue put the same forfeitures to the vse of the pooze of the parithe: And what particular summes of money haue bene forfeited that way, and by whom: And if any such forfeitures be not leuied, by whose default it happened, and if any haue bene demaunded that forfeiture and refuse to pay it.

68 Item, whether your pooze mans boze be kept accordingly, and the almes therein put, yearely accounted for to the parish by you.

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69 Item whether your parithe haue a Bible of their owne, of the largest Volume, the booke of Common prayer, a Psalter, the two bookes of Homelies, the Paraphrases of Erasmus, and the late Homelie set forth against Rebellion.

70 Item

70 Item, whether your Quier be comely and orderly kept : whether your pulpit be wel repaired : whether you haue a faire and comely Communion table standing vpon a frame with a faire linnen cloth to lay vpon the same, and some carpet or couering of silke, Buckeram or such like for the cleane keeping therof, and a decent large surplisse with sleues for the Minister : And whether ye haue a faire and comely Communion cuppe of Siluer, with a couer for the same, which may serue for the ministracion of the Lordes bread.

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table

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71 Item, whether images and all other monuments of Idolatrie and superstition be destroyed & abolished in your seueral parishes: And whether likewise al shrines tables, candellsticks, rols of ware, pictures, paintings, and other monuments of fained and false miracles and pilgrimages be remoued, abolished and destroyed.

72 Item, whether Altars be cleane taken downe, and the places where they were paved, and the walles adioyning whited and made vniforme with the rest: And whether Roodeloftes be taken downe, and the vpper partes of the same with the sollar and loftes be taken away from the vpper part of the chautes. And the beame running in length ouer the said chautes by putting some conuenient crest vppon the said beame towards the church.

Altar

73 Item, whether your Churches and Chappels be well and comely adourned and kept in sufficient reparations, without abuse of any thing: And whether your Churchyardes be wel fenced and cleanly kept.

74 Item, whether all Masse bookes, Antiphoners, Grailes and other bokes for the late superstitious Laten seruice be defaced, rent, and abolished.

Bookes
of Popery

75 Item, whether you and suche as haue bene before you Churchwardens, haue and doe keepe a iust Inuen-

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rie of all your Church goodes, and of all such things as are from time to time geuen, bequeathed, purchased or left to your Church. And whether there is geuen the yearly accompt for the same: Whether the same is imployed to the uttermost auaile and profite of the church: And whether the same be increased or decayd, by whose negligence, and in whose handes. And whether such as haue the same, vse any fraude, deceit or delay to withhold it from the Church: And whether complaint be not made of such to the Ordinarie, and all possible meanes bled to bring all the same together to the Churches behoofe and profite.

76 Item, whether you see that no Inne, Alehouse, victualling or tipling house be open, or haue any to eate or drinke on the Holydaies in the time of common prayer, reading the homelie, or of a sermon.

77 Item, whether you see that on Sundayes or holydaies there be no shoppes open, nor artificers going about their worldly affaires.

78 Item, whether you see the Holydaies appoynted in the Booke of Common prayer to be well and duely kept: And other Holydaies which were heretofore superstitiously obserued and now left, as Corpus Christi day, Thomas Becket and the wednesdayes in the Easter and Whitson weeke and such like, which are not appointed in the same booke of Common prayer: not to be vsed as Holydaies by any colour or pretence, nor nor ringing or calling the people to Church to be bled those dayes, but to be employed to euery mannes affairs and businesse. And if any refuse so to doe, to present their names.

79 Item, whether any maintaine and defend any heresies, false opinions and Popishe errors and Doctrine contrary to the faith of Christ and holy scripture.

80 Item,

80. Item, whether any be married within the degrees prohibited by the lawes of GOD, or that be diuorced without the degrees prohibited by the lawes of God. And whether any such haue married againe: According to the table set forth by the most Reuerend the Archbishop of Caunterbury.

81. Item, whether any haue married without asking the Banes solempnely thise, or haue made priuie contracts, not calling two witnesses or mo therunto, nor hauing therunto the consent of the parentes. *Banns
to be
asked*

82. Item, whether there is any resort to secrete or unlawfull conuenticles, to heare masse, or any other seruice prohibited by the law. *condemned*

83. Item, whether ye know any person to be a slanderer or sower of disorde, or that inuented, bruted or set forth any rumours, false and seditious tales and slanders: or bringers, buyers, sellers, keepers or conueyers of any unlawful bookes, which might stirre or prouoke sedition or maintaine popishe opinions and ceremonies, superstitious seruice: Or any ayders, counselours, procurers or maintainers therunto.

84. Item, whether you suffer any superstitious or superfluous ringing, as at Burials: Whether there be any more ringing but one short peale before the burill, and another after: And whether on all Saintes day after euening prayer there be any ringing or any other superstitious Ceremonie bled, tending to the maintenance of the popish purgatory, or of prayer for the dead: And who they be that vse the same: And whether there be any ringing or knolling of bells on Sundayes or hollydayes, betwene Morning prayer and the Letanie, or in any tyme of diuine seruice, or reading the Homilies, or preaching, except one bell in conuenient tyme to be rung or tolled before the sermon: Or any other ringing vpon Saintes euens or festiuall dayes, sauing to com-

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mon prayer: And who doth ring or toll otherwise?

85 Item, ye shall present whether the Churchwardens and sworn men of the last yeare or any yeare before, haue of any priuate corrupt affection, concealed any crime or other disorder in their tyme done in your Parish, and haue not presented the same to the Bishoppe, Chauncelour or Archdiacon: And whether they or any of them at any such tyme as they should haue bene at diuine seruice on Sundayes and holydays, and should there haue obserued others that were absent, haue ben away themselves at home, or in some Tauerne or Alehouse, or els about some worldly busines, or at boules, cardes, tables or other gamyng, without regarde of their office and duetie in that behalfe.

86 Item, whether Churchwardens haue suffered any lordes of misrule, or sommer lordes or ladies, or disguised persons in Christmas, or May games, or any other tymes, to come vnrueerently into the Churche, or Churchyarde, and to play any vnseemely partes, with Scoffes, Iestes, and ribaulde talke, or dauncyng, namely, in the tyme of Common prayer: And what they be that committe suche disorder, or accompany or maintaine them.

87 Item, whether the .x. commaundementes be not set vp by painting or printing on the East ende of the church or Chauncell, where the people may behold and reade them.

88 Item, whether you haue not prouided all thinges necessary for diuine seruice, and administration of the Sacramentes in your church or chappell: And do not helpe, ayde, and assist the Minister or Curate in causing the people to come to Churche, the youth to the Catechisme, and in any thyng els when they require your ayde.

89 Item, whether at the Paramutations or rogation

in the dioces of VVinchester.

tion weeke any women accompany the men, or vse excessive feasting or drinking.

90 Item, what, and to what value by estimation was wonte to be bestowed before tyme at the staying places where the Gospell was read in the Rogation Dayes, by whom, and to what number of people.

For Patrones of Benefices and such

as haue aduowsons.

91 Item, whether Patrones & other hauing aduowsons of Ecclesiasticall benefices, haue sincerely without any Simoniacall parte presented in due tyme an able Clarke to the Ordinarie.

92 Item, whether any Patrone or other hauing any aduowson, haue colourably, directly, or vndirectly by themselves or by any other, practised, couenaunted and agreed with any person or persones before the presentation or after, to haue money, pleasure, the lease or ferme of the said benefice for yeare or yeares, or the profites thereof or of any parcell thereof, or any other commodities or pleasure in any wise by whatsoener colour or conueyance.

93 Item, whether your Church of your Parische be nowe boyde of an Incumbent, who is the Patrone therof, how long it hath bene boyde of an incumbent, who receiueth the tithes, oblations and profites thereof, and by what authoritie: And in what state the mansion house and Chauncell is in.

94 Item, whether any suche Patrone or other hauing aduowson by himselfe or other haue pulled downe any church or chappel or mansion house, or any edifices

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thereto belonging, or taken away the leade, beys, orna-
mentes, goodes or landes of the said places or any of
them, or spoiled any of the same, or haue conuerted the
tythes, profites, commodities, reuenues or possessions
of the same to his owne priuate or prophane vse.

For Executors and Administrators.

95 Item, whether any conceale or kepe hid the Will
and Testament of any departed out of this transitorie
life, or fulfill not the same in all pointes, specially in le-
gacies geuen to good and godly vses, as to the mainte-
nance of your church, the reliefe of the poore, to the ex-
hibiting of any scholer in Grammer Schole, or in Ox-
ford or Cambridge, to Orphanes or fatherlesse childre,
to the reparatiō of highwayes, to the mariage of poore
maidens and such like.

96 Item, whether any Executor appointed to the vse
of any fatherlesse child or children in his minority, haue
defrauded the same childe, or not geuen a perfect ac-
compte to his or their vse according to the trust in hym
reposed.

97 Item, whether any which by the Ordinaries au-
thoritie or otherwise haue administred to the vse of the
fatherlesse as aforesaid, haue defrauded the, or not geuen
accompt to their vse according to their administration.

98 Item, whether any haue taken vpon them execu-
tion of any will, or administred the goodes of any dying
intestate without lawfull authority to the committed.

99 Item, whether any legacie bequethed in any Te-
stament, or any appointment by any Ordinarie before
the Queenes maiesties raigne in annuities or otherwise,
for the erection of Obites, Dirges, trentals or any such
like vse, alwayes by Gods law, and now by the autho-
ritie of the Queenes maiestie forbidden, be not conuer-
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sed to some godly and lawfull vse: And in whose handes the said legacies, bequeastes, and appointmentes, haue bene or yet remayne.

For Midwiues.

100 Item, whether there are presented according as it was appointed the last visitation, all the names of such women as vse to execute the office or rounge of a Midwife or Midwiues in your seuerall Parishes, tithings and Hamlets.

101 Item whether any do exercise that office or rounge not being examined or admitted by the Ordinarie, or such as he hath appointed for that purpose.

102 Item whether the said women be of sober life and conuersation, of sincere and christian religion, not suspected of superstition or papistrie: And ready to helpe euery woman traueling with childe, as well the poore as the riche.

103 Item whether any of the said women vse in the tyme of womens trauaile any witchcraft, charmes, or vnlawful prayers or inuocations in latin or otherwise.

104 Item, whether any of the said women whē they be present at the deliuey of any childe known or suspected to be begotten out of lawfull matrimonie, doe not diligently enquire, who is father to that child, & where it was begotten: And immediatly without delay therof certifie the Ordinarie, or at the least the Curate and churchwardens of the parish, that they may geue notice to the Ordinarie for punishment of the offenders, and sustentation of the infant.

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